



The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg
2021 Municipal Community Grants Submissions Meeting

Monday, December 7, 2020

5:00 P.M.

Electronic Participation

Pages

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Deputy Mayor Seguin, Coordinator of General Government Services.

2. **INTRODUCTION**

Deputy Mayor Seguin, Chair, explains the general purpose of the meeting, which is to receive verbal presentations from those organizations and groups who have submitted a Municipal Community Grant Application for the 2021 Town of Cobourg Municipal Operating Budget.

3. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

4. **NOTIFICATION**

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Municipal Clerk

Notice published in the local newspaper, posted on the Municipal Website www.cobourg.ca pursuant to the Town of Cobourg Public Notice Policy, Applicants were notified individually, and as this process is pursuant to the Town of Cobourg Municipal Community Grants Policy.

5. **2021 MUNICIPAL COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION PRESENTATIONS**

5.1. 2021 Municipal Community Grant Presentation Submissions:

5.1.1. Cobourg Ecology Garden (CEG), Dora Body, Chair

5.1.2. Cobourg Museum Foundation, Mary Dunphy, President

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5.1.3. Cobourg Lawn Bowling Club, William Arthur

5.1.4. Victoria Hall Volunteers, Leona Woods.

5.1.5. Northumberland New Ventures Band, Glenn Bailey

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5.1.6. Les AMIS Concerts - Michael Pepa

5.1.7. La Jeunesse Choirs, Denise Raymond

5.1.8. Northumberland 89.7 FM Small Town Radio - David Newland.

6. **FURTHER NOTICE**

Deputy Mayor Seguin, Chair to explain next steps regarding the review and approvals of the 2021 Municipal Community Grant Applications during the 2021 Budget Deliberations.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

CALENDAR

NOV
16 **Public Engagement Begins**

Help identify areas of focus for the Town's current and long-term financial priorities.

NOV
23 **Public Submission Meeting**

Council will review public submissions.

DEC
7 **Community Grant Presentations**
5 p.m.

Applicants present information to Council.

Division Staff Presentation Meetings
All meetings begin at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom Videoconference.

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- Planning and Development Services
- General Government Services
- Economic Development
- Venture13 Innovation Centre
- Public Library
- Art Gallery of Northumberland

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- Protection Services - Fire Department
- Public Works
- Environmental Services

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- Protection Services - Police Services
- Community Services

DEC
22 **Draft Budget Released**

The 2021 Draft Budget will be released for public review and feedback.

JAN
21 **Special Council Budget Session**

10 a.m.

The 2021 Draft Budget is reviewed in its entirety by Council from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. If a second session is needed, it will be scheduled for January 22, 2021 beginning at 10 a.m.

FEB
16 **Final Budget Approved**

4 p.m.

The 2021 Draft Operating and Capital Budget is submitted for final approval by Council.

www.cobourg.ca/budget

PRESENTATION TO COBOURG COUNCIL 2020 FOR 2021

Your Honour, Council Members, members of the press and all in attendance.

It is my pleasure this evening to represent the Cobourg Museum Foundation. In the past it has usually been former Mayor Joan Chalovich making this presentation. However, for health reasons, Joan has recently given up her position as our President and I am following in her footsteps. Joan will continue to be involved as our Past President

I would like first of all to thank Council for your support particularly during the past two years. We had asked for financial help in adding soffit, fascia and gutters for a drainage system to help protect our historic limestone building. Because of the heritage nature of the building that project turned out to be much more expensive than anticipated. But because you had shown faith in it and us, other funders were found and together with our own members the project was completed and fully funded this spring. Thank you.

Before looking ahead to our Budget request I would like to briefly mention what else has happened this year:

In spite of COVID-19 we were able to open on July 18 on a limited basis and with appropriate protocols in place. We showed a selection of stories from the previous 8 years. Attendance was sporadic with approximately 350 visitors, about ½ local. Disappointing in some ways, but we were open!

We were able to provide summer employment for one student, through the Young Canada Works program, and as I speak we have a placement with us for 2 ½ months through the extended Canada Summer Jobs program.

All in all, while it is not what we had envisioned, 2020 has been far from a total loss.

Our request for the coming year is in three parts:

Firstly the payment of our property taxes which amount to approximately \$4,300. As you can imagine this is a significant chunk of our annual budget and having to pay it could put considerable pressure on our resources.

Summer students play an important part in our operations, greeting visitors and handling office duties. A major portion of their salaries come from the programs already mentioned, but support from the Town is considered a positive in the granting of that funding. Our request in support of student employment is for \$2,000.

And finally: one of the positive outcomes of COVID-19 was that it forced us to look at producing video presentations in support of our other methods of telling our stories. A group of new volunteers combined to produce 4 short and one longer video on the characters being introduced by the 2021 theme of “The Heinous, the Heroic and the High Flyers”. In order to make these videos available to visitors we are requesting assistance in purchasing 4 tablets and stands. These, of course, would represent a long term investment and support our moving more fully into this type of collaborative story telling. Our request these is \$2,000.

This makes a total of \$8,300 with \$4,300 in forgiven taxes and an additional \$4,000 for students and electronic equipment.

Thank you!



NEW VENTURES ***“Music For Life”***

Presentation to: Municipal Community Grants Committee meeting for the Town of Cobourg
Monday December 7, 2020
Prepared by Glenn Bailey
Founder and Music Director
Northumberland New Ventures Band

The Northumberland New Ventures Band was formed in February 2014 with an initial membership numbering 36 adults. Since that time, we have steadily grown each year, reaching just under 100 members by the fall of 2019. This growth has far exceeded any expectations following my brief announcement and call for interested people to join us on January 1st 2014 at the annual Mayor’s Levee. Our community’s continued, enthusiastic response to us has made us confident that the New Ventures Band will be here for many years to come.

One of our mandates is to offer adults in our community the opportunity to learn a musical instrument, regardless of their age, social economic status or musical experience. By the fall of 2019, over half of our performing members came to us with no musical experience whatsoever and were soon performing in our community on a regular basis. We regularly provide free performances for senior’s residences which remains an ongoing mandate for our organization as well. We truly believe that music is for life. Our youngest member is 36 with our eldest member being 90 years of age. Our average age is approximately 63 and they come to us from all walks of life. Each year, we conduct open house for new members and it continues to surprize the number of new faces we receive annually. Especially for the size of our community.

The New Ventures will be forever grateful for the support of ***The Concert Band of Cobourg*** in our early years. They allowed us to use their band facility and equipment for rehearsals at the D’Arcy St. location rent free. Perhaps more importantly, they provided us with an enormous amount of support and encouragement which was so valuable to us in the early years. However, by the fall of 2019, we had literally out grown their facility and were forced to find a larger rehearsal space which came in the Orange Hall at Ontario St. and University Ave in Cobourg. We signed a 5 year lease with an option of 5 more years in early March of 2020. Our monthly rent, which includes the band’s instrument storage, is \$1000.00 with an annual increase of 2% built in. By April 1st 2020, Covid-19 had effectively squashed our plans for our normally large bands to safely rehearse in our new home.

At our last public concert on November 30th 2019 (Christmas), the following groups performed for the public to a full house at Trinity United Church: our ***Mezzo Band*** (33 members of limited musical experience) under the direction of David Marshall, David also directed our ***Big Band*** (22 members). Under the direction of Glenn Bailey, the afternoon was capped off with our ***Avanti Band*** (experienced members numbering 56). The Avanti Band is substantially our original members. This is the band that performed the debut of the original composition ***“Victoria Park Overture”*** which was commissioned by the town of Cobourg for Canada’s 150th birthday celebrations. Our ***Intro Band*** (beginners) was preparing for their debut at our annual Venturing Forth, season ending June concert. This concert was of course cancelled due to Covid-19.

How has Covid-19 impacted us?

- 1) Loss of revenue which has created a \$4000+ budgeted shortfall for this year.
 - a) 3 public concerts were lost/cancelled. Our usual June 2020 and November 2020 concerts. We were also forced to cancel our 1st Big Band concert scheduled for May 2020. . Concerts are a large part of our normal revenue. Estimated loss \$5000 - \$6000.
 - b) Roughly half of our members were willing to pay their annual dues for the year 2020. This was understandably due various issues with us operating in this time of Covid. Most of these people plan to return to us once a vaccine is available.
- 2) Loss of performances for our local Senior's residences. Our Brass Quintet was able to perform at A couple of residences outside while the weather permitted.
- 3) The New Ventures Band remains much more than a collection of bands. We are indeed a very active social group for senior citizens, among others. Covid has effectively broken us up as a social group.

Some positives.

- We were able to stage a successful Garage Sale this fall and we are also selling Empire Cheese packages for the holiday season.
- Although the rental of the Orange Hall remains a fixed expense we are committed to, it's larger size has allowed us to rehearse small ensembles while maintaining social distance protocols during this fall and coming winter. These 8 smaller groups total only half of our normal membership. At least these members have been able to continue learning and the mandate of community music education for all remains honoured.
- We are presently in the process of recording an amateur Christmas DVD produced by these small groups. These free DVDs will be distributed to all our area senior's facilities within the next 2 weeks.
- Our monthly rent payments to the Orange Lodge will allow them to pay for some much needed repairs to the building as we are its only tenants at this time.